East-Enders



May 2020

PLEASE NOTE OUR MAY MEETING WILL BE AN ON-LINE MEETING USING ZOOM – FULL DETAILS ON HOW TO CONNECT WILL BE FORWARDED PRIOR TO THE MEETING



2020 Area Meeting

All Zontians are invited to register for our first District wide Area Meeting via webinar on ZOOM. The Meeting will be held on 16 May 2020 commencing at 9.00am and running through to 3.00 pm but there will be short breaks during this time for stretches, coffee etc. There will be nine amazing speakers including Helen Blackburn, small business owner and community advocate from Bundaberg; Amanda Dalton, CEO of Toowoomba Women's Collective, Zonta member and instigator of Protea Place — a drop-in centre for homeless women; and Trish Walding, Wellbeing and Education Officer for the Queensland Rugby League. Moderators have been assigned for each speaker so you will have the opportunity to ask questions. Cost is only \$10

which will cover the cost of the meeting with the surplus split 50% to DV Connect and 50% to the D22 Membership Fund for Club Support. Details are on the District 22 website and Facebook page and registration is available through Trybooking - https://www.trybooking.com/BJKVR

Fellowship

We may not have been able to get together for a fellowship gathering as we had planned but thanks to our President and Secretary six of us did enjoy a virtual morning tea. Our ZOOM "practice" was a great way to catch up and help those members not familiar with ZOOM to have confidence to join us for our Monthly Meeting. A virtual drinks gathering followed in May and hopefully more members will join in each time they



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receive an invitation. Watch for invites through your email account.

Each Friday morning at 10.00am our District Governor hosts a virtual morning tea which is open to all Zontians across the District (even had a Zontian from the USA join in). You can register in advance for this by clicking on: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/upIrceCupzMvPNi2X0ayz8FFdqQ1egiGDg and details will be sent to you.

Service Projects

Thanks to our many Hon Zons and friends the Club makes and distributes over 500 Zonta Breast Care Cushions each year along with Drainage Bags. It is always great to hear from recipients who appreciate the cushions and bags. This month we received the following from one such woman:

"To all members of the Zonta Club, East Brisbane,

It is now just one month since I underwent a Left Mastectomy at Redlands Mater Hospital. Following that I was given one of your beautiful pillows by the Breast Care Nurse, Kirsty. It certainly is my teddy bear and comfort during my recovery and now that I am able to be without it for much of the day I wouldn't be without it when resting or sleeping as it prevents me from rolling over during the night. Thus explained, you will understand how important your donations to Breast Cancer sufferers really are.

I thank you so very much for your gift of love from zonta.

P.S. Don't neglect your regular mammograms ladies as my cancer (triple negative) was detected at my usual two yearly check up. If I had not had that at that time or had put it off (as we often do) my prognosis would not have been so good.

My heartfelt thank you again".

Member News

Its congratulations to Divya for passing her written exams in O&G (she is now preparing for the orals later in the year and to her and Donavan who are excitedly awaiting the arrival of their little baby boy and just celebrated their first wedding anniversary. A big twelve months for them!

Also good to know Bronwyn's foot is slowly healing without a "boot" after her slipping on a banana skin – yes it actually can happen!!! Understand Greg is a pretty good "nurse" and she will bouncing around again fairly soon getting ready to move into their new home.

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. Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

As you are aware Bunnings have cancelled all Sausage Sizzles due to the spread of COVID 19. Hopefully these will resume later in the year as their cancellation will have a significant affect on our fundraising efforts. To those who volunteered for the ones that were scheduled – thank you but now you can have a rest and stay safe. As compensation for the cancellation the Club received a \$500 voucher from Bunnings which has been sold with the funds going into our Fundraising account.



Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship



The Club is calling for applications for the 2020 Jane M Klausman Women in Business Scholarship. The scholarship is open to women of any age enrolled in least the second year of an undergraduate program through the final year of a Master's program at the time the application is submitted. Enrolment must be in a business program with major field of specialization in accounting, economics, finance, business management, marketing, operations management, human resources management, international business, or entrepreneurship at an accredited university/college/institute.

The scholarship is conducted at three levels Club, District and International.

The application form can be found on our Club website at http://brisbaneeast.zontadistrict22.org and all required documentation must be received by the Club no later than 1 July 2020.

UN Women – Free on-line learning courses



Staying at home because of the Coronavirus means more time for learning. From gender equality in emergencies to infrastructure, check out some of **UN Women's** free and self-paced online courses: http://unwo.men/MgS350z07Lx

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Zonta International –E-Learning

The Zonta International website has a number of tools available to increase your skills and knowledge on areas such as Governance, Goal Inspired Leadership, People and Financial Leadership, Business Strategies and Membership Engagement and Growth. Log on to the site and check out the on-line materials- the materials are easy to understand, usually a video of about 15 minutes and some self reflective questions – all very easy!! Check them out on https://membership.zonta.org/Tools/Leadership-Development-Tools#Leadership

LoveBites

Sadly because of COVID-19 the planned LoveBites – Trauma Informed program which was scheduled for June has had to be deferred until hopefully later this year. NAPCAN has advised all those who registered



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for this program. NAPCAN has a number of short free on-line programs for the coming months eg on Child Abuse and Mandatory Reporting. These have been heavily booked through June with more dates continually being added to meet demand (Many of the dates already have Waiting Lists). Details can be found on https://www.napcan.org.au/training/

Member Profile - Margy Casey



Born and raised in Far North Queensland as one of eight children (6 boys 2 girls). My father was a country policeman and the family moved towns with his transfers. We lived in Mourilyan and El Arish (where I started school) before moving to Ingham. At the time Ingham seemed a large and exciting town after living in smaller towns. However at that time in Far North Queensland I was considered one of the more widely travelled people as many girls born in Ingham had never left town.

It was not uncommon that girls were not allowed to commence work or a career after their Junior Year and were required to stay at home with their mothers learning how to become a wife and mother. Our family moved to Townsville were I started as a Junior Clerk Typist for

a family Department Store (do these jobs even exist today?) I moved to a number of similar positions before joining the Commonwealth Bank, which at the time was considered to be a quasi Commonwealth Public Service position.

Paul & I met and married in Townsville before moving to Brisbane to live. We originally settled in Hawthorne because of its proximity to Seven Hills Art College where I was to continue studying part-time for a Fine Arts Degree.

I left the Commonwealth Bank to start a small business in Bulimba becoming heavily involved in the local business community. After selling the Bulimba business I established a boutique theatrical agency of which I was a director.

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Our agency represented select emerging performers in Queensland, Melbourne and Sydney. Our passion was to give these artists an opportunity of being seen by National and International casting directors. The focus of the agency was on stage performance and film.

I have been an Executive Producer and Casting Director on several film productions & our company also produced corporate videos for Universities & the Private Sector.

Eventually it was time to move on from the Entertainment Industry, but I wasn't quite ready to retire. At the present time I am working part-time for Education Queensland, implementing the literacy program for P-2 at a local school.

Politics and International Affairs were discussed around the breakfast table as a child, hence my life long interest in the community as a whole. Paul and I are proud parents of two strong independent women who stand up for injustices in their communities and equality for all.

Diary Dates

- 11 May 2020 Board Meeting, Meeting via ZOOM
- 18 May 2020 Monthly Meeting, Meeting via ZOOM
- 8 June 2020 Board Meeting, Meeting via ZOOM
- 15 June 2020 Monthly Meeting, Meeting via ZOOM depending on COVID restrictions
- 4-8 July 2020 ZI Convention, Chicago, USA Cancelled & to be held "on-line" Full details to follow shortly
- 13 July 2020 Board Meeting, Meeting via ZOOM To be confirmed
- 20 July 2020 Monthly Meeting, Meeting via ZOOM To be confirmed
- 23 August 2020 High Tea Belmont Services Club To be confirmed

